Out of this, Rs. 77,00,000/- (Rupees seventy seven lakh only) were released during 2002-03 and remaining amount of Rs. 23,39,650/- (Rupees twenty three lakh thirty nine thousand six hundred and fifty only) has been released during 2007-08. No proposal has been received for Govt. boys hostel at Idar. The Government of Gujarat had also sent the proposals for ideal residential schools at Mehsana and Idar (Sabarkantha) during 2005-06. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 87,08,500/- (Rupees eight seven lakh eight thousand and five hundred only) for ideal residential school at Idar has been released by the Ministry during 2007-08.

Employment of blind persons

†1063. MISS. ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blind persons employed and grades of Government service in which they have been employed during last three years;

(b) the number of women out of blind persons employed, State-wise;

(c) whether blind persons have been employed in Government services as per reservation quota fixed by Governemnt; and?

(d) whether the number of women is as per fixed quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension which is the nodal Ministry in reservation matters has furnished the following information in respect of Central Ministries/ Departments:—

Year	No. of Ministry/Deptt. which have furnished information	Total direct recruitment	Persons with disability appointed	Persons with visually disability appointed
2004	50	7522	645	150
2005	47	5600	389	54
2006	34	1610	94	5

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 does not provide for any separate reservation for women.

Reservation in allotment of residential plots/flats

1064. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has issued a letter No. 11A/ 139/E-I/UP(ST)/RU-I dated 30.8.06 for giving reservation in allotment of residential plots/ flats, etc. to reserved category of people;

(b) if so, the details of further action taken by the Commission;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of action taken on letters received from VIPs and the All India Association for SCs/STs and physically handicapped from 3.12.2006 till date on this issue; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.